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Reply to Office action of May 21, 2004

REMARKS

In the Office Action mailed on May 21, 2004 by the United States Patent and Trademark Office, the Examiner rejected claims 1-21. After entry of this response, claims 1-21 remain unamended and pending in the above-identified patent application. Reconsideration is respectfully requested in light of the following remarks. The following remarks are believed to be fully responsive to the Office Action mailed May 17, 2004 and render all pending claims at issue patentably distinct over the cited references.

I. CLAIM REJECTION UNDER 35 USC § 102

Claims 1-21 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as allegedly being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,188,402 as issued to Csipkes on February 13, 2001 (hereinafter referred to as "Csipkes"). The Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection.

A claim can only be anticipated if each and every element recited in the claim is disclosed in a reference, either explicitly or impliedly. However, it is respectfully submitted that Csipkes does not disclose each and every element of at least independent claims 1, 11, and 21. For example, Csipkes fails to disclose, teach or suggest and the Examiner fails to assert "a menu driven environment operating in conjunction with a browser of said first network," as recited in claims 1, 11, and 21 with added emphasis. Accordingly, as Csipkes fails to disclose, either explicitly or inherently, at least the above-noted element of claims 1, 11, and 21 and the Examiner has failed to provide such an explicit or inherent disclosure of this element, it is respectfully submitted that the rejection of these claims and the claims that depend therefrom is improper and the Applicants request withdrawal of the § 102(e) rejection.

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II. CONCLUSION

In view of Applicants' remarks, it is respectfully submitted that Examiner's rejections under 35 USC § 102, have been overcome. Accordingly, the Applicants respectfully submit that the application is in condition for allowance, and such allowance is therefore earnestly requested. Should the Examiner have any questions or wish to further discuss this application, Applicants request that the Examiner contact the undersigned at the telephone number associated with customer number 29,906 as set forth below.

If for some reason Applicants have not requested a sufficient extension and/or have not paid a sufficient fee for this response and/or for the extension necessary to prevent abandonment on this application, please consider this as a request for an extension for the required time period and/or authorization to charge Deposit Account No. 50-2091 for any fee which may be due.

Respectfully submitted,

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